

# #UkraineWeekly

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## Figures of the week

[1.7 million items of Ukrainian cultural heritage](#) — from ancient artifacts to museum collections has stolen by Russia.

## Ukraine - Türkiye

- [President Zelenskyy held a meeting with President of Türkiye](#) Recep Tayyip Erdoğan one-on-one and in an extended format.
- Ukrainian Defense [Minister Umerov press briefing](#) following the meeting with the Russian delegation in Istanbul.
- Ukrainian Foreign Minister Sybiha on the [results of the Istanbul meeting](#).
- Ukrainian delegation coordinated positions [in Istanbul](#) with representatives of the U.S., U.K., Germany, and France.
- [Trilateral talks held in Istanbul](#) between the delegations of Ukraine, Türkiye, and the U.S.
- Ukrainian Foreign Minister Sybiha met with the foreign ministers of [Türkiye, Poland, the United States, France](#) and the [Weimar+ format](#) at the NATO meeting in Antalya.
- Turkish Foreign Minister [H.Fidan attended online in a "Coalition of the Willing"](#) meeting on Ukraine.

## Foreign Policy

- In Rome, President Zelenskyy met with [Pope Leo XIV](#), and leaders of [Australia, the U.S., Switzerland, Canada, Montenegro, Denmark, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Sweden, the European Commission, Moldova](#).
- Leaders of Ukraine, France, the United Kingdom, Germany, and Poland hold a [phone call with U.S. President Donald Trump](#).
- [Speech by the President Zelenskyy](#) at the European Political Community Summit.
- [Joint Statement by the Leaders](#) of France, Germany, Poland, the United Kingdom, and Ukraine following the Meeting in Kyiv.
- Speech by the President Zelenskyy at the [meeting of leaders of the "Coalition of the Willing"](#).
- [Statement of the MFA of Ukraine](#) on the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Genocide of the Crimean Tatar People

## Home and Frontline

- [Total Russian combat losses since February 24, 2022 – to May 19, 2025](#), in personnel – 974 770, tanks – 10 833, ACV – 22 562, artillery system – 28 009.
- An entire family – [a father, mother and daughter](#) – was killed in a Russian attack on an evacuation bus in Sumy Oblast on the morning of 17 May.
- [Record number of drones](#): Ukraine's air defence downs 88 out of 273 drones overnight, 128 go off radar
- Ukraine signed framework [convention on artificial intelligence and human rights](#).
- Ukrainian band [Ziferblat took ninth place at the Eurovision Song Contest](#) Grand Final on May 17 in Basel, Switzerland.

## Learn more

For centuries, Crimea has been central to Russia's colonial ambitions, with its indigenous people, the Crimean Tatars, subjected to relentless persecution. The most tragic chapter unfolded in 1944, when the Soviet regime, in an effort to construct the myth of a "Russian Crimea," brutally deported the entire Crimean Tatar population to remote regions of the USSR, banning their return for decades. Today, we invite you to witness [how Russia has systematically erased, rewritten, and weaponized Crimean Tatar history](#) — a practice it continues across all temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine.

